procedure beginning with the preparation of the Approach Paper and setting up of sectoral Working Groups/Steering Groups etc. A number of Working Groups/ Steering Groups for different sectors nave already been set up by the Planning Commission. The work on preparation of the Eighth Five Year Plan will be undertaken after the Approach Paper is finalised/ approved by the National Development Council.

Import of machines for treatment of Kidney Stones

SHRl N. e. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAs GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has beenn drawn to the news-items under the caption "Kidney stone-surgeons op pose machine imports" appearing in the Hindu dated th5 31st Decembe^ 1988; and

(b) if so, what is Government^ reac tion to the reservation expressed by the senior surgeons against the free imports and use of lithotipsy machines for treatmen; of kidney stones without surgery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROI KHA PARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The equipment is included under Open General Licence, list II Appendix (i of Imports Exports Policy 1988—91, as well as under the list given in the notification 65/88-Cus, dated 1-3-1988 for concession of custom duty exemption. Charitable and Semi-Charitable organisations approved by respective State Government are permitted 100 per cent cus-<om duty exemption on this item with approval of Export Committee including Urologistl'Nfiphrologist as member.

We have not received any corrnilaint from any patient or any surgeon or ne, phrologist so far. There is no lithotipsy machine in any Central Government Hospital. AlTMS is about to procure one.

Marketing of dangerous drags

768. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Clioquinol, Analgin Dextro-prooxyphane, oxphenbutazone, Phenylbutazone, Femibutazone, Diiodohydroxyquinoline, Ethylestrenol, Nandrolone and Methandienone are being marketed in the country for human com sumption;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these are dangerous drugs and have been banned in a number of countries;

(c) if so, the details of dangerous effects came to the notice of Government; and

(d) the names of substitute drugs and what steps have been take^ to withdraw these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While these drags are being mar keted in a number of countries, some countries have preferred to withdraw scmo of these drug's.

(c) and (d) The experts in the country have not considered these drugs as dangerous and have not recommended withdrawal of these druss.

Dextropropoxyphene, Oxyphenbutazone, Phenylbutazone, are analgesic|anti-infla' muatory drugs; Diodohydroyquinoline is an anti-amoebic drug; Ethyloestronol, Naodrnl one and Methandienone are anabolic drugs. Othp."- analgesias I anti-inflammatory dracs like Aspirin, Paracetamol, Tbuprofen at a also not free side effects. Similarly the other anti-amoebic drags like Metronidazole, Tinidazole, Ditoxanide, Emetine Vve. fhe'r own characteristic sid-effect^

The "'de effects of other androgens are very similar to that of Ethvloestrenol, Nandrolone and Methandienone.